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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A backpack includes a support portion adapted to be supported on shoulders of a wearer and a bag portion having at least one compartment for storing one or more articles. The bag portion is pivotally coupled to the support portion and adapted to pivot between a first position and a second position relative to the support portion. In the first position, the bag portion is disposed along the support portion and abuts the support portion and, in the second position, the bag portion is disposed substantially perpendicular to the support portion and provides a seat for facilitating a seating of a child.

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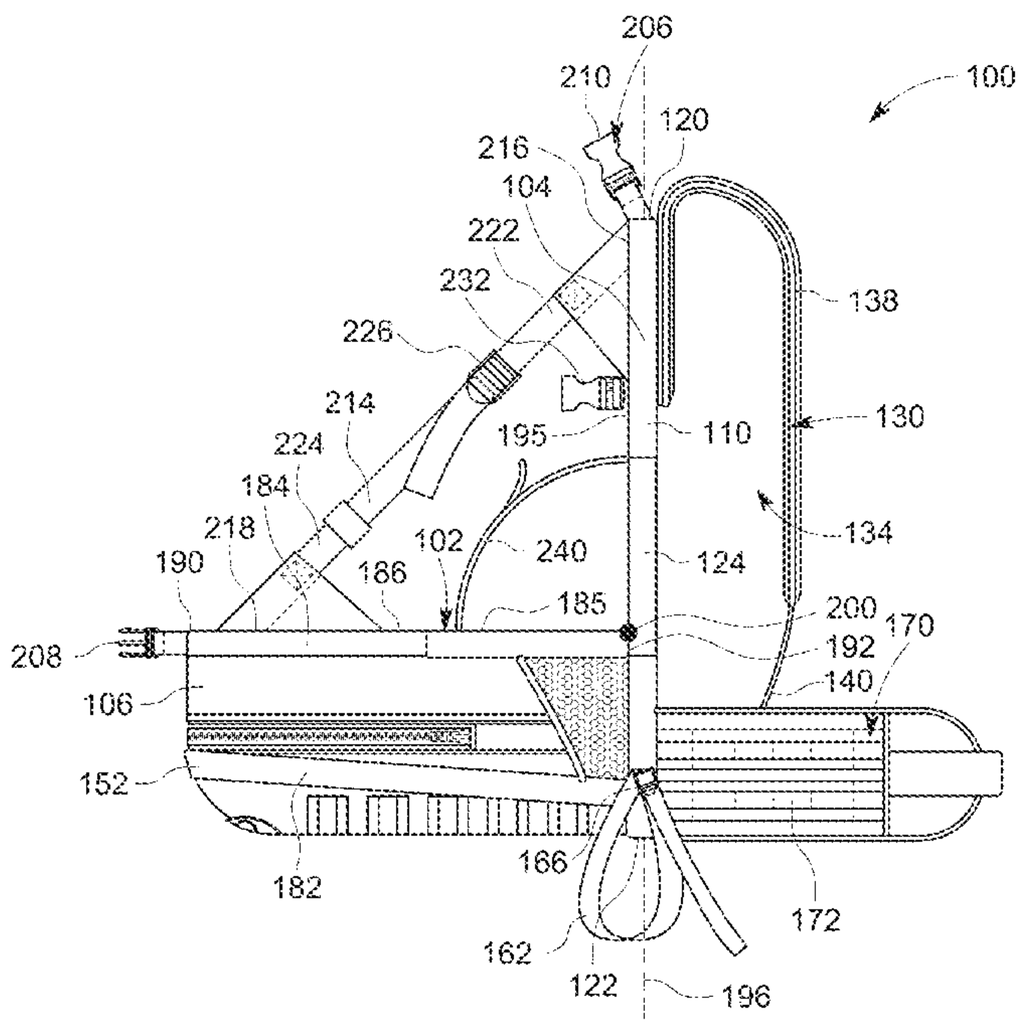

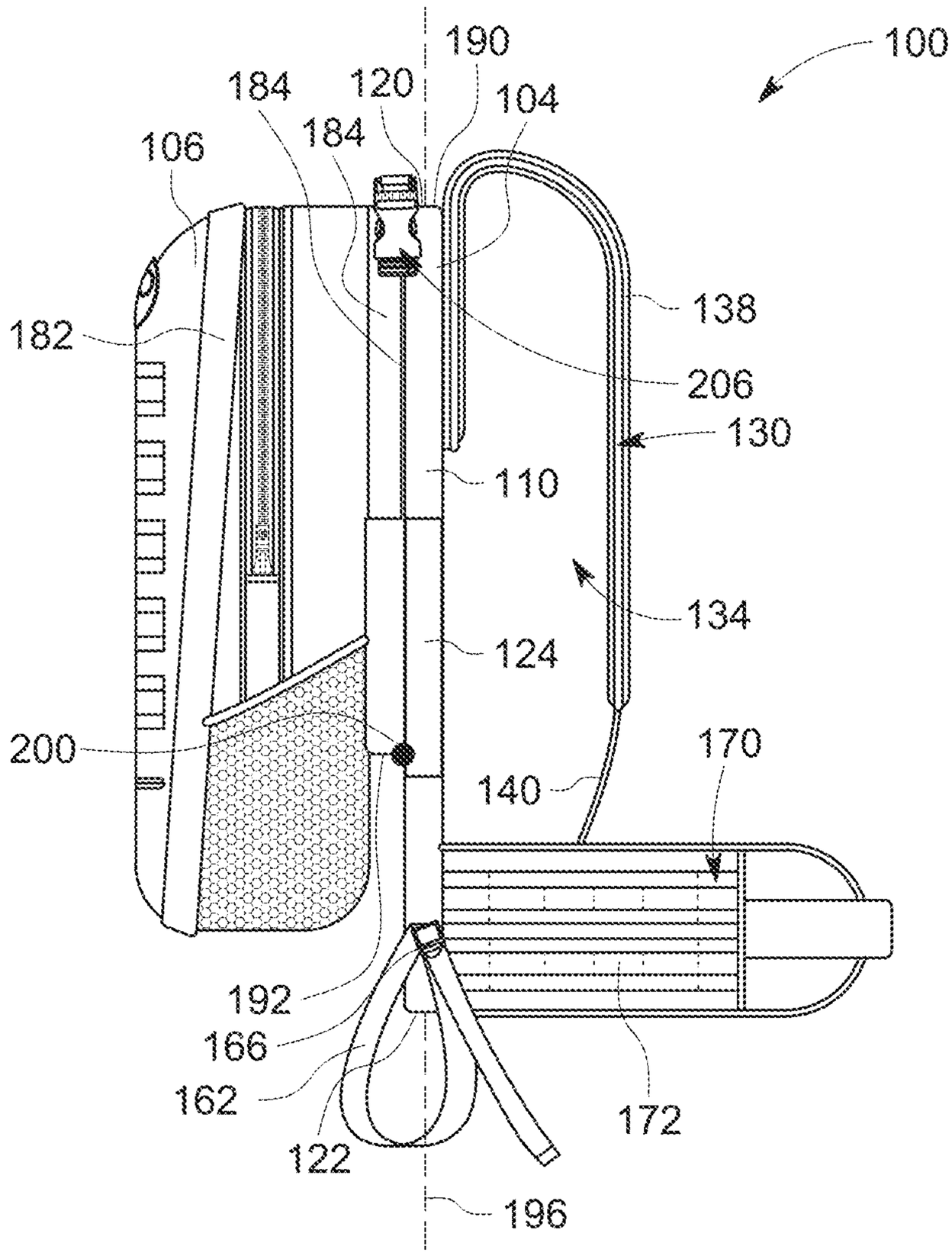
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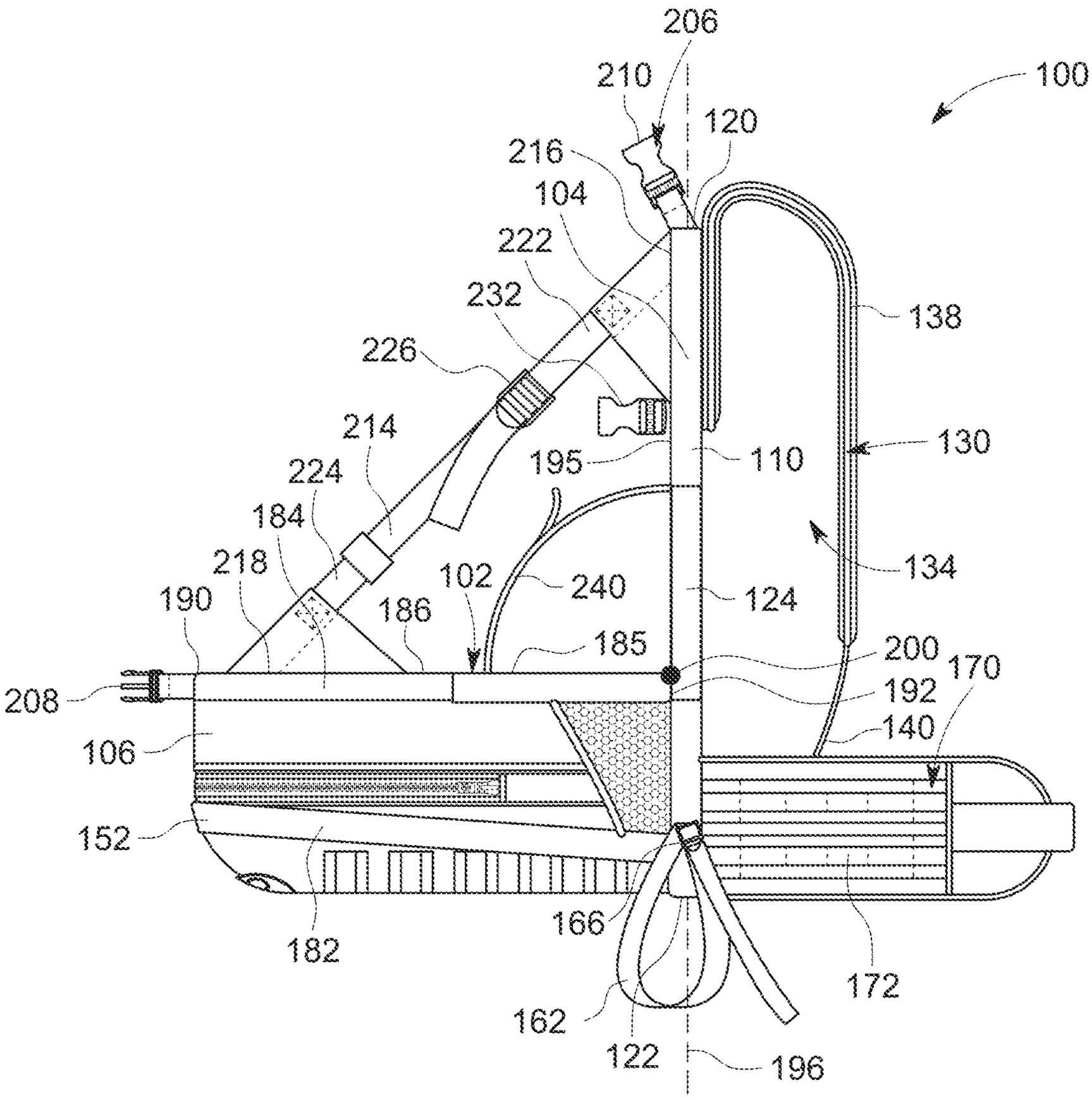
FIG. 1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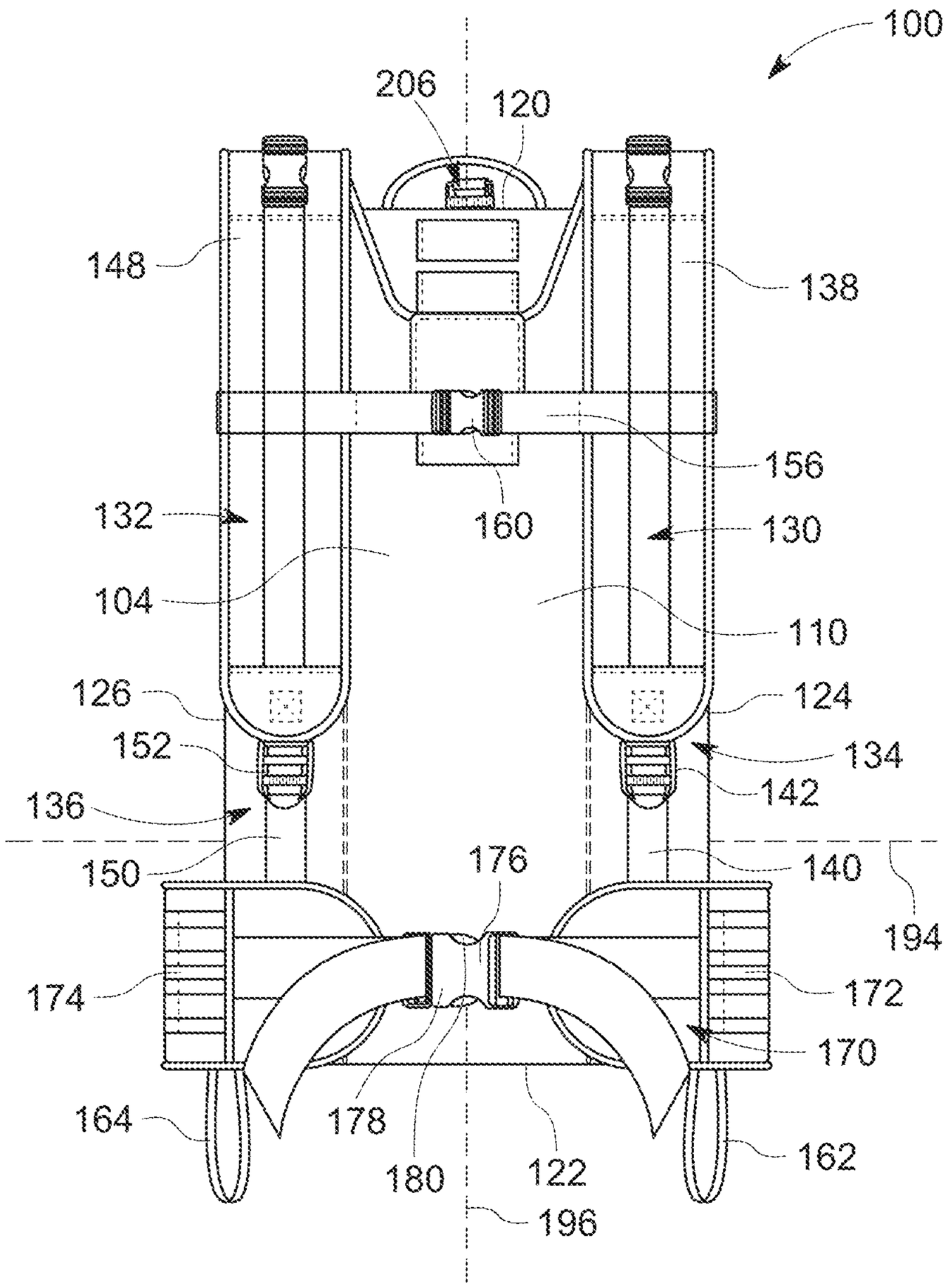
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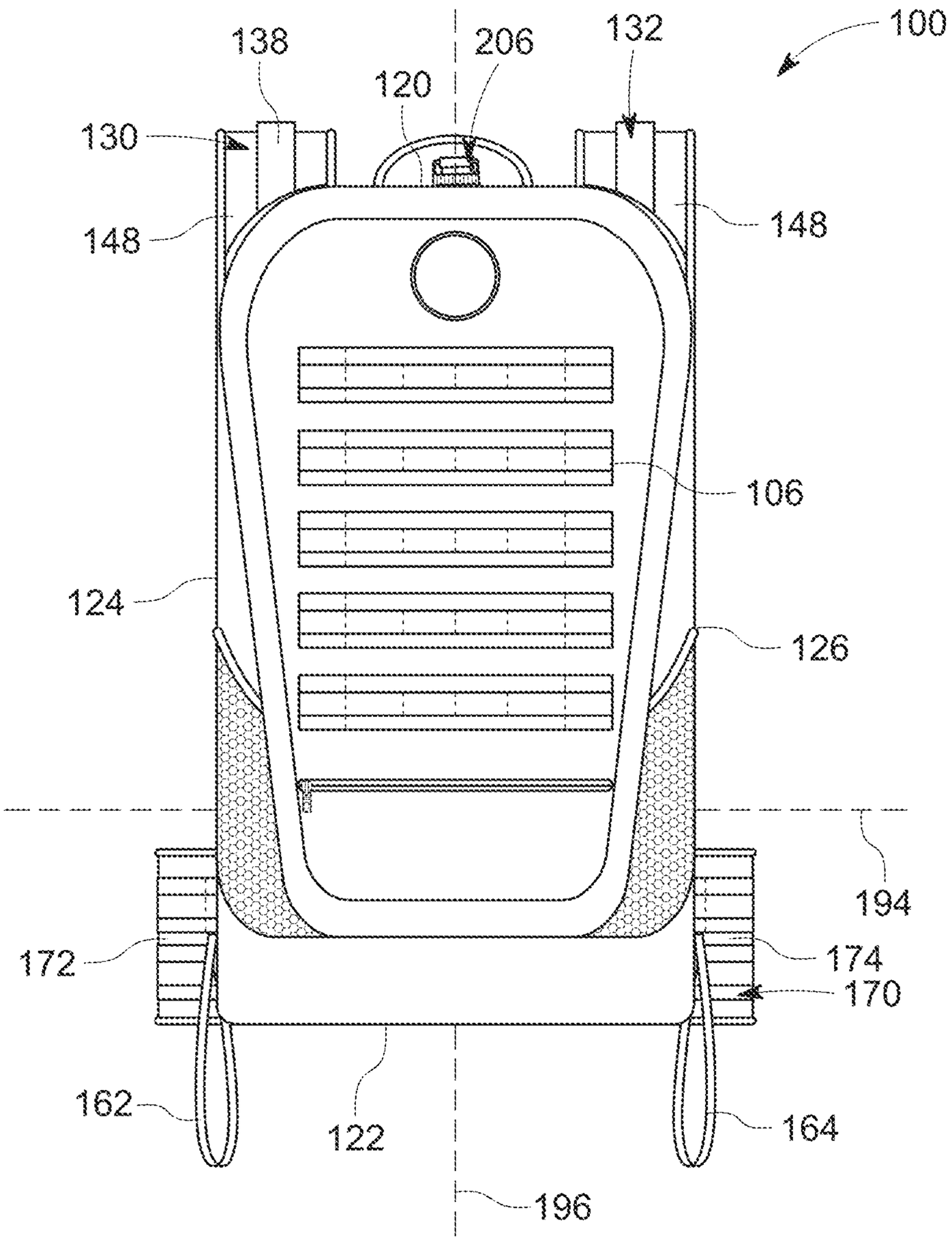
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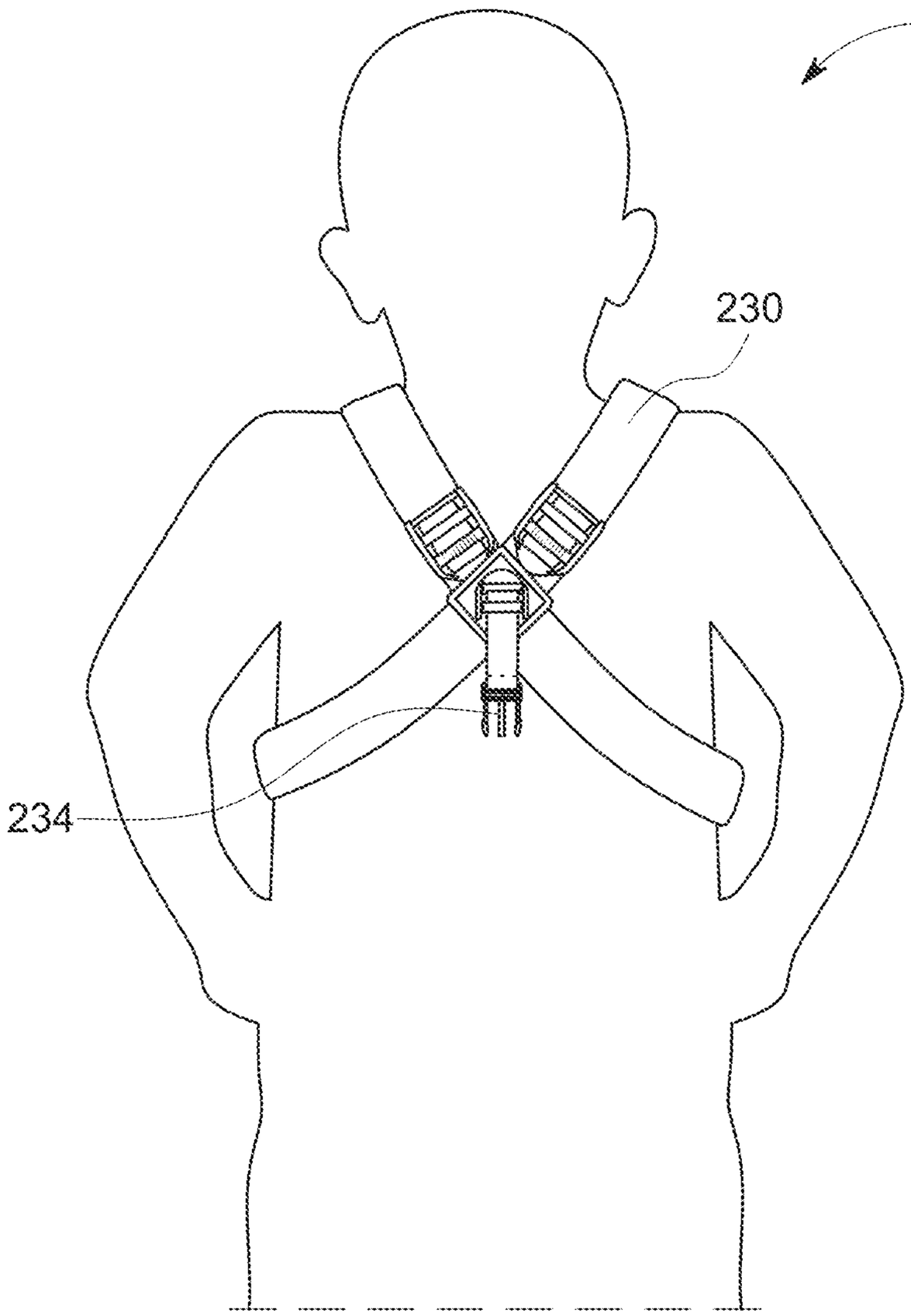

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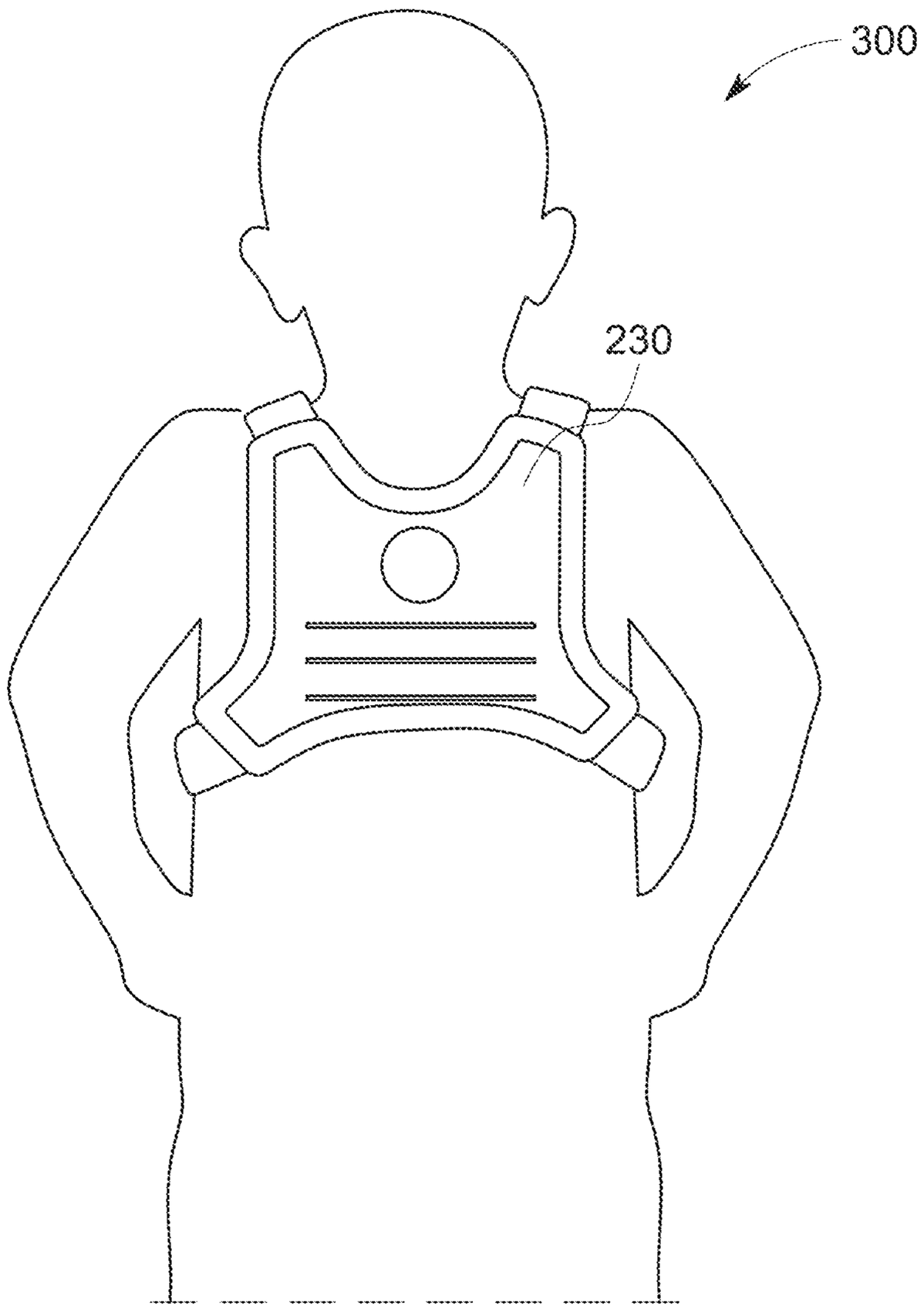

FIG. 6

BACKPACK

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/831,359 filed on Apr. 9, 2019, titled "A Convertible Backpack Child Carrier".

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present disclosure relates, generally, to a backpack. More particularly, the present disclosure pertains to a backpack adapted to provide a seat for facilitating a sitting for a child.

BACKGROUND

Families with children in an age group of 2-6 years of age have a limit to the length of hiking or any another outdoor activities. The constraints are imposed due to the fact that children will tire more rapidly and will have shorter strides compared to their adult counterparts. Typically, the carriers for the children are bulky and do not have storage capacities so a wearer may require additional unit for carrying one or more articles along with the child.

SUMMARY

According to an aspect of the disclosure a backpack is disclosed. The backpack includes a support portion adapted to be supported on shoulders of a wearer, and a bag portion having at least one compartment for storing one or more articles. The bag portion is pivotally coupled to the support portion and is adapted to pivot between a first position and a second position relative to the support portion. In the first position, the bag portion is disposed along the support portion and abuts the support portion. In the second position, the bag portion is disposed substantially perpendicular to the support portion and provides a seat for facilitating a seating of a child.

In an embodiment, the backpack further includes a latch for holding the bag portion in the first position.

In an embodiment, the latch includes a first member attached to the bag portion and a second member attached to the support portion. The first member is configured to engage with the second member to hold the bag portion in the first position.

In an embodiment, the backpack further includes a retention structure for retaining the bag portion in the second position.

In an embodiment, the retention structure includes a first retention member attached to the support portion and a second retention member attached to the bag portion. The first retention member is coupled to the second retention member to retain the bag portion in the second position.

In an embodiment, the support portion includes a frame pivotally coupled to the bag portion and a pair of straps coupled to the frame and adapted to support the backpack on the shoulders of the wearer.

In an embodiment, the support portion includes a sternum strap extending between the pair of straps and joining the pair of straps. The sternum strap is adapted to abut a sternum portion of the wearer.

In an embodiment, the support portion includes a waist strap extending from a first lateral end of the frame to a second lateral end of the frame. The waist strap is adapted to abut a waist of the wearer and supports the backpack on hips of the wearer.

In an embodiment, the bag portion includes a storage portion defining the at least one compartment for storing the one or more articles and a back portion attached to the storage portion and pivotally coupled to the support portion. A surface of the back portion defines a seating surface of the seat.

In an embodiment, the backpack further includes a multipoint harness adapted to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

In an embodiment, the backpack further includes a clip attached to the support portion and adapted to engage with the multipoint harness to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

In an embodiment, the backpack further includes a pair of safety straps coupled to the support portion and the bag portion. The pair of safety straps is adapted to receive a pair of legs of the child to facilitate a securement of the child on the seat.

In an embodiment, the backpack further includes a pair of foot strips attached to the support portion adapted for supporting the child while climbing on the seat.

In another aspect a backpack is disclosed. The backpack includes a support portion adapted to be supported on shoulders of a wearer and a bag portion having at least one storage compartment for storing one or more articles. The bag portion is adapted to pivot between a first position and a second position relative to the support portion. Also, the backpack includes a latch for holding the bag portion in the first position and a retention structure for retaining the bag portion in the second position. In the first position, the bag portion is disposed along the support portion and abuts the support portion. In the second position, the bag portion is disposed substantially perpendicular to the support portion and provides a seat for facilitating a seating of a child

In an embodiment, the latch includes a first member attached to the bag portion and a second member attached to the support portion. The first member is configured to engage with the second member to hold the bag portion in the first position.

In an embodiment, the retention structure includes a first retention member attached to the support portion and a second retention member attached to the bag portion. The first retention member is coupled to the second retention member to retain the bag portion in the second position.

In an embodiment, the support portion includes a frame pivotally coupled to the bag portion and a pair of straps coupled to the frame and adapted to support the backpack on the shoulders of the wearer.

In an embodiment, the bag portion includes a storage portion defining the at least one compartment for storing the one or more articles and a back portion attached to the storage portion and pivotally coupled to the support portion. A surface of the back portion defines a seating surface of the seat.

In an embodiment, the backpack further includes a multipoint harness adapted to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

In an embodiment, the backpack further including a clip attached to the support portion and adapted to engage with the multipoint harness to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINTS

FIG. **1** illustrates a side view of a backpack, in accordance with an embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. **2** illustrates a perspective view of the backpack in a position to be use as a seat, in accordance with an embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. **3** illustrates a perspective view of the backpack, in accordance with an embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. **4** illustrates a perspective view of the backpack, in accordance with an embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. **5** illustrates a perspective view of a child wearing a multi-point harness, in accordance with an embodiment of the disclosure; and

FIG. **6** illustrates a perspective view of the child wearing the multi-point harness, in accordance with an embodiment of the disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Referring to FIG. **1** to FIG. **4**, a backpack **100** suitable for storing one or more articles and providing a seat **102** for facilitating a carrying of a person, such as, a child **300**, by a wearer of the backpack **100** is shown. The backpack **100** includes a support portion **104** adapted to be supported on a wearer's shoulders and hips and a bag portion **106** having at least one compartments for facilitating a storage of the one or more articles. The bag portion **106** is adapted to pivot relative to the support portion **104** and moves/pivots in a first position and a second position relative to the support portion **104**. In the first position, the bag portion **106** is disposed along the support portion **104** and abuts the support portion **104**, while in the second position, the bag portion **106** is disposed substantially perpendicular to the support portion **104** and provides the seat **102** for facilitating a seating of a child. The support portion **104** may include a frame **110** or panel and a pair of straps attached from the frame **110**. The frame **110** is adapted to be disposed substantially along a back of the wearer when the backpack **100** is worn by the wearer. In an embodiment, the frame **110** may include pads or soft material to provide cushioning effect to the wearer of the backpack **100**. As shown, in an embodiment, the frame **110** may be a rectangular frame having a first longitudinal end **120**, a second longitudinal end **122** disposed opposite to the first longitudinal end **120**, a first lateral end **124**, and a second lateral end **126** disposed opposite the first lateral end **124**. Moreover, in some embodiments, the frame **110** may include one or more battens (not shown), to provide rigidity to the frame **110**. The battens may extend along a width and/or a length of the frame **110** and may be made of fiberglass, vinyl, carbon fiber or similar lightweight semi-flexible material, or any other suitable materials. The battens may be sewn into the frame **110** to provide adequately rigid structure.

The pair of straps, for example, a first strap **130** and a second strap **132**, extends in a longitudinal direction and are coupled proximate to the first longitudinal end **120** and the second longitudinal end **122** of the frame **110**. The first strap **130** defines a first opening **134** to receive a first shoulder of the wearer, while the second strap **132** defines a second opening **136** to receive a second shoulder of the wearer. Further, the first strap **130** may include a first portion **138**, a second portion **140**, and a buckle **142** removable coupling the first portion **138** to the second portion **140**. As shown, the first portion **138** is attached to the first longitudinal end **120** of the frame **110**, while the second portion **140** is attached to the second longitudinal end **122** of the frame **110**. The buckle **142** also facilitates in adjusting a diameter of the first opening **134** by facilitating an adjustment of a length of the first portion **138** extending between the first longitudinal end **120** and the buckle **142** and/or an adjustment of a length of the second portion **140** extending between the second longitudinal end **122** and the buckle **142**. In some implementations, the first portion **138** includes padding to provide cushioning to the shoulders of the wearer when the first strap **130** is worn by the wearer. Similar to the first strap **130**, the second strap **132** may include a first portion **148**, a second portion **150**, and a buckle **152** removable coupling the first portion **148** to the second portion **150**. As shown, the first portion **148** is attached to the first longitudinal end **120** of the frame **110**, while the second portion **150** is attached to the second longitudinal end **122** of the frame **110**. The buckle **152** also facilitates in adjusting a diameter of the second opening **136** by facilitating an adjustment of a length of the first portion **148** extending between the first longitudinal end **120** and the buckle **152** and/or an adjustment of a length of the second portion **150** extending between the second longitudinal end **122** and the buckle **152**. In some implementations, the first portion **148** includes padding to provide cushioning to the shoulder of the wearer when the second strap **132** is worn by the wearer.

Additionally, or optionally, the support portion **104** includes a sternum strap **156** extending from the first strap **130** to the second strap **132** and joining the pair of straps **130**, **132**. The sternum strap **156** is adapted to abut or contact a sternum portion of the wearer and may include a padded portion to provide cushioning to the wearer and facilitates an even distribution of the weight. As the sternum strap **156** may include two straps and a coupler **160** for selectively or removably attaching the two straps together. Further, the support portion **104** may include a pair of foot strips including a first foot strip **162** coupled to the first lateral end **124** and disposed proximate to the second longitudinal end **122** and a second foot strip **164** attached to the second lateral end **126** and positioned proximate to the second longitudinal end **122**. The pair of foot strips **162**, **164** forms a closed loop of adjustable length and facilitates for placing feet of the child **300**. In addition, the first foot strip **162** includes a first slider buckle **166** for facilitating an adjustment of a length of the loop. Similarly, the second foot strip **164** includes a second slider buckle (not shown) for facilitating an adjustment of a length of a loop. Furthermore, the support portion **104** may include a waist strap **170** extending from the first lateral end **124** to the second lateral end **126** and adapted to abut or contact a waist of the wearer. The waist strap **170** includes a first strap portion **172** extending from the first lateral end **124**, a second strap portion **174** extending from the second lateral end **126** and removable coupled to the first strap portion **172**, a coupling mechanism **176** for removable coupling the first strap portion **172** to the second strap portion **174**. The coupling mechanism **176** may include a female coupler **178** attached to the first strap portion **172** and a male coupler **180** attached to the second strap portion **174** and adapted to receive the male coupler **180** for engaging/securing the first strap portion **172** to the second strap portion **174**. In an embodiment, the first strap portion **172** and the second strap portion **174** may include padding to provide cushioning to the waist of the wearer. In an embodiment, the first strap portion **172** and the second strap portion **174** may include a PALS (Pouch Attachment Ladder System) webbing strap for facilitating an attachment of one or more accessories.

Referring to FIG. **1** to FIG. **4**, the bag portion **106** includes a storage portion **182** and a back portion **184** adapted to abut the frame **110** of the support portion **104**. The storage portion **182** includes the at least one compartment for facilitating a storage of the one or more articles, while the back portion **184** includes a surface **185** defining a seating surface **186** of

the seat **102** for facilitating the seating of the child **300**. The back portion **184** includes a first longitudinal end **190** (free end) and a second longitudinal end **192** pivotally coupled to the frame **110** at a location proximate to the second longitudinal end **122** of the frame **110**, thereby facilitating a pivotal movement of the bag portion **106** relative to the support portion **104** about a pivot axis **194**. As shown, the pivot axis **194** extends substantially parallel to a surface **195** of the frame **110** and is substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis **196** of the frame **110**. In an embodiment, the bag portions **106** (i.e. the back portion **184**) is pivotally coupled to the support portion **104** (i.e. the frame **110**) via a hinge **200**. The hinge **200** may be formed by sewing the second longitudinal end **192** of the back portion **184** to the frame **110**. In the first position (shown in FIG. **1**), the bag portion **106** is disposed substantially parallel to the frame **110** such that the back portion **184** abuts the frame **110** and the first longitudinal end **190** of the back portion **184** is disposed proximate to the first longitudinal end **120** of the frame **110**. Moreover, in the second position (shown in FIG. **2**), the bag portion **106** is disposed substantially perpendicular to the frame **110** such that the back portion **184** provides the seating surface **186** for facilitating a seating of the child **300**. In the second position, the first longitudinal end **190** of the back portion **184** is disposed away from the first longitudinal end **120** of the frame **110**. Accordingly, when the backpack **100** is worn by the wearer, the bag portion **106**, in the first position, is disposed along a back of the wearer, while the bag portion **106**, in the second position, is disposed substantially perpendicular to the back of the wearer. In this manner, in the second position, the bag portion **106** (i.e. the back portion **184**) acts as the seat **102** on which the child **300** may sit. Further, in some implementations, the back portion **184** may include one or more battens (not shown), to provide rigidity to the seat **102**. The battens may extend along a width and/or a length of the back portion **184**. In an embodiment, the battens may include semi rigid structures and may be made of fiberglass, vinyl, carbon fiber or similar lightweight semi-flexible material, or any other suitable materials. The battens may be sewn into the back portion **184** to provide adequately rigid structure so that the bag portion **106** does not collapse on itself when a child **300** sits on the seat **102**.

Referring to FIG. **2**, the backpack **100** may include a latch **206** to hold the bag portion **106** in the first position. As shown, the latch **206** may include a first member **208** having flexible fingers attached to the back portion **184** and a second member **210** having housing defining a cavity to receive the flexible fingers and attached to the frame **110**. To hold the bag portion **106** in the first position, the first member **208** is engaged to the second member **210** such that the first member **208** is disposed inside the second member **210** and engaged in a latched position. To move the bag portion **106** to second position, the first member **208** is disengaged from the second member **210** by pressing the flexible fingers and subsequently removing the fingers from the second member **210**. Additionally, or optionally, the latch **206** may include a pair of magnets for facilitating a temporary engagement of the bag portion **106** with the frame **110** in the first position. In such a case, a first magnet may be attached to the frame **110** and may be sewn inside the frame **110**, while a second magnet may be attached to the back portion **184** and may be sewn inside the back portion **184**. Moreover, the backpack **100** includes at least one retention structure **214** for retaining and holding the bag portion **106** in the second position. In an embodiment, the retention structure **214** may be a strap extending from the frame **110** to the back portion **184**. As shown, an end **216** of the retention structure **214** may be attached proximate to the first longitudinal end **120** of the frame **110**, while the other end **218** of the retention structure **214** is attached proximate to the first longitudinal end **190** of the back portion **184**. In an embodiment, the retention structure **214** may include a first retention member **222** attached to the frame **110** and a second retention member **224** removably coupled to the first retention member **222** and attached to the back portion **184**. To removably couple the first retention member **222** to the second retention member **224**, the retention structure **214** may include a retention buckle **226**, which may be a single bar buckle, to receive a portion of the first retention member **222** and a portion of the second retention member **224**. Further, the retention buckle **226** may facilitate in adjustment of a length of the retention structure **214** extending between the back portion **184** and the frame **110** by facilitating an adjustment of a length of the first retention member **222** extending between the frame **110** and the retention buckle **226** and/or an adjustment of a length of the second retention member **224** extending between the back portion **184** and the retention buckle **226**. In an embodiment, the first retention member **222** and the second retention member **224** are straps extending from the frame **110** and the back portion **184** respectively. Although a single retention structure **214** is shown and contemplated, it may be appreciated that the backpack **100** may include two retention structures or more than two retention structures to hold the bag portion **106** in the second position. Further, when the backpack **100** includes two retention structures, each retention structure may define an opening to receive one or the pair of legs of the child **300** when the child **300** is seated on the seat **102**.

Referring to FIG. **5** and FIG. **6** the backpack **100** may include a multipoint harness **230**, for example a four point harness, adapted to be removably attached to a clip **232**. In an embodiment, the clip is attached to the frame **110**. The multipoint harness **230** is adapted to be worn by the child **300** for seating on the seat **102**, and is attached to the clip **232** via a tether **234** to support/secure the child **300** on the seat **102** and prevent a falling of the child **300** from the backpack **100**. Further, the backpack **100** may include a pair of safety leg straps **240** attached to the back portion **184** and the frame **110** and adapted to receive and support the legs of the child **300** seated on the bag portion **106**. In an embodiment, each safety leg strap **240** may include one or more buckles for facilitating an adjustment of a length of the associated safety leg strap **240**.

A method for using the backpack **100** for carrying the child **300** by the wearer is now explained. At first, the wearers hold the backpack **100** by supporting/engaging the pair of straps **130**, **132** on his shoulders. The wearer may also attach the waist strap **170** around his waist and the sternum strap **156** around the sternum of the wearer for supporting the backpack **100**. For utilizing the backpack **100** for carrying the child **300**, the bag portion **106** is moved from the first position to the second position. For so doing, the wearer may disengage the first member **208** from the second member **210** and thereby positioning the bag portion **106** in a substantially horizontal position. Accordingly, the bag portion **106**, in the second position, provides as the seat **102** for facilitating a seating of the child **300**. For securing the child **300** with the backpack **100**, the multipoint harness **230** is attached around a chest of the child **300** and connected to the clip **232** using the tether **234**. Further, the legs of the child **300** may be inserted or engaged with the safety leg straps **240** to secure the child **300** with the backpack **100**. In

this manner, the backpack **100** facilitates in carrying the child **300** on a back of the wearer along with storing one or more articles.

The foregoing descriptions of specific embodiments of the present disclosure have been presented for purposes of illustration and description. They are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the present disclosure to the precise forms disclosed, and obviously many modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teaching. The exemplary embodiment was chosen and described in order to best explain the principles of the present disclosure and its practical application, to thereby enable others skilled in the art to best utilize the present disclosure and various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated.

LIST OF ELEMENTS

100 backpack
102 seat
104 support portion
106 bag portion
110 frame
120 first longitudinal end
122 second longitudinal end
124 first lateral end
126 second lateral end
130 first strap
132 second strap
134 first opening
136 second opening
138 first portion
140 second portion
142 buckle
148 first portion
150 second portion
152 buckle
156 sternum strap
160 coupler
162 first foot strip
164 second foot strip
166 first slider buckle
170 waist strap
172 first strap portion
174 second strap portion
176 coupling mechanism
178 female coupler
180 male coupler
182 storage portion
184 back portion
185 surface
186 seating surface
190 first longitudinal end
192 second longitudinal end
194 pivot axis
195 surface
196 longitudinal axis
200 hinge
206 latch
208 first member
210 second member
214 retention structure
216 end
218 end
222 first retention member
224 second retention member
226 retention buckle
230 multi point harness
232 clip
234 tether
240 safety leg strap
300 child

What is claimed is:

1. A backpack comprising:

a support portion adapted to be supported on shoulders of a wearer;

a bag portion having at least one compartment for storing one or more articles, the bag portion pivotally coupled to the support portion and adapted to pivot between a first position and a second position relative to the support portion, wherein the bag portion pivots between the first position and the second position when the support portion is supported on the shoulders on the wearer and facilitates a carrying of a child by the wearer, wherein

in the first position, the bag portion is disposed along the support portion and abuts the support portion,

in the second position, the bag portion is disposed perpendicular to the support portion and provides a seat for facilitating a seating of the child; and

a pair of foot strips attached to the support portion to facilitate a placing of feet of the child.

2. The backpack of claim **1** further including a latch for holding the bag portion in the first position.

3. The backpack of claim **2**, wherein the latch includes a first member attached to the bag portion and a second member attached to the support portion, wherein the first member is configured to engage with the second member to hold the bag portion in the first position.

4. The backpack of claim **1** further including a retention structure for retaining the bag portion in the second position.

5. The backpack of claim **4**, wherein the retention structure includes a first retention member attached to the support portion and a second retention member attached to the bag portion, wherein the first retention member is coupled to the second retention member to retain the bag portion in the second position.

6. The backpack of claim **1**, wherein the support portion includes

a frame pivotally coupled to the bag portion, and

a pair of straps coupled to the frame and adapted to support the backpack on the shoulders of the wearer.

7. The backpack of claim **6**, wherein the support portion includes a sternum strap extending between the pair of straps and joining the pair of straps, wherein the sternum strap is adapted to abut a sternum portion of the wearer.

8. The backpack of claim **6**, wherein the support portion includes a waist strap extending from a first lateral end of the frame to a second lateral end of the frame, wherein the waist strap is adapted to abut a waist of the wearer.

9. The backpack of claim **1**, wherein the bag portion includes

a storage portion defining the at least one compartment for storing the one or more articles, and

a back portion attached to the storage portion and pivotally coupled to the support portion, wherein a surface of the back portion defines a seating surface of the seat.

10. The backpack of claim **1** further including a multipoint harness adapted to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

11. The backpack of claim **10** further including a clip attached to the support portion and adapted to engage with the multipoint harness to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

12. The backpack of claim 1 further including a pair of safety straps coupled to the support portion and the bag portion, the pair of safety straps is adapted to receive a pair of legs of the child to facilitate a securement of the child on the seat.

13. A backpack comprising:

a support portion adapted to be supported on shoulders of a wearer;

a bag portion having at least one storage compartment for storing one or more articles, the bag portion adapted to pivot between a first position and a second position relative to the support portion, wherein the bag portion pivots between the first position and the second position when the support portion is supported on the shoulders on the wearer and facilitates a carrying of a child by the wearer;

a latch for holding the bag portion in the first position;

a retention structure for retaining the bag portion in the second position,

wherein, in the first position, the bag portion is disposed along the support portion and abuts the support portion, and

in the second position, the bag portion is disposed perpendicular to the support portion and provides a seat for facilitating the seating of a child; and

a pair of foot strips attached to the support portion to facilitate a placing of feet of the child.

14. The backpack of claim 13, wherein the latch includes a first member attached to the bag portion and a second member attached to the support portion, wherein the first member is configured to engage with the second member to hold the bag portion in the first position.

15. The backpack of claim 13, wherein the retention structure includes a first retention member attached to the support portion and a second retention member attached to the bag portion, wherein the first retention member is coupled to the second retention member to retain the bag portion in the second position.

16. The backpack of claim 13, wherein the support portion includes

a frame pivotally coupled to the bag portion, and

a pair of straps coupled to the frame and adapted to support the backpack on the shoulders of the wearer.

17. The backpack of claim 13, wherein the bag portion includes

a storage portion defining the at least one compartment for storing the one or more articles, and

a back portion attached to the storage portion and pivotally coupled to the support portion, wherein a surface of the back portion defines a seating surface of the seat.

18. The backpack of claim 13 further including a multipoint harness adapted to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

19. The backpack of claim 18 further including a clip attached to the support portion and adapted to engage with the multipoint harness to secure the child sitting on the bag portion.

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